

## WHANGAREI COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Acting-Premier, Wellington. Whangarei, 12th June, 1906.  
 On behalf Whangarei County Council and residents Whangarei, I tender sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Seddon and family in their sad bereavement, and express regret at the irreparable loss the colony has sustained in demise of practical and conspicuous statesman, who lived for the betterment of mankind and died whilst engaged in the work of his adopted country

G. H. MINCHIN, County Chairman.

## WHANGAROA COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

The Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Totara North, 21st June, 1906.  
 The people of Whangaroa join to-day in mourning the loss of a great statesman and patriot.

T. M. LANE, County Chairman.

## WOODVILLE COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Telegram.)

Hon. Hall-Jones, Wellington. Woodville, 11th June, 1906.  
 Deepest sympathy great bereavement from Woodville County.

JOHN HARRIS, Chairman.

## MAYORS, CITY COUNCILS, BOROUGH COUNCILS, BURGESSES, ETC.

(TO MRS. SEDDON.)

## WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL.

DEAR MRS. SEDDON,—

Mayor's Office, Wellington, 15th June, 1906.

I beg to be allowed to express my profound sympathy for you and yours in the sad event which has deprived you of your illustrious and loyal husband, and your children of their devoted and affectionate father. You have consolation in having a memory of the many struggles engaged in by you both for the public good and successfully ended. May a knowledge that your husband's and your own efforts are appreciated, and that it is the universal prayer of the people of New Zealand that you may be sustained under the terrible blow which has fallen upon you be some consolation to you under your severe trial.

I am forwarding to you a copy of a resolution passed by the Wellington City Council, and, though it but feebly represents the feelings which prompted it, I hope you will accept it as a tribute of sympathy and respect.

That time, the great restorer, acting with other influences, may bring you and yours relief, and that you may long be able to look back on the past with pride, and as much satisfaction as is given to mortals to attain, is the wish of

Mrs. Seddon, Wellington.

Yours sincerely,

T. W. HISLOP.

I, John Richard Palmer, Town Clerk of the City of Wellington, hereby certify that the following is a correct copy of a resolution of the Wellington City Council, passed at their meeting held on the 14th day of June, 1906:—

"This Council desire to place on record their grief at the death of the Right Hon. Mr. Seddon, Premier of the colony, their sense of the great loss which the colony has sustained, and their sympathy with Mrs. Seddon, her children, and grandchildren in the irreparable calamity which has befallen them."

Dated this 15th day of June, 1906.

JNO. R. PALMER, Town Clerk.

## AUCKLAND CITY COUNCIL.

DEAR MADAM,—

12th June, 1906.

It is with deep sorrow that I now, on behalf of the people of Auckland, convey to you the following expression of sympathy with yourself and your family in the sad loss which you have sustained by the death of your late dear husband and father.

We had called a meeting to arrange for a fitting welcome home to you all after your visit to Australia, and on Monday morning, when his last message from Sydney, "All well," arrived, we looked forward to a happy and pleasant re-union on his arrival; but when, later on, we heard that it was indeed all well with him but inexpressibly sad for you, your family, and the people whom he loved and for whom he did so much, the purpose of our meeting was changed, and after many spontaneous tributes of affection, esteem, and love had been uttered in simple but sorrowful words by both men and women present, the grief of the people of Auckland was expressed in the following resolution, viz.: "That this meeting of citizens of Auckland, with feelings of the deepest sorrow, testifies the sense of the irreparable loss to the Empire and to the people of this colony by the sudden death of the late Right Hon. Richard John Seddon, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and offers its heartfelt condolence to his widow and family in their hour of trial and affliction."

I need only add that the people feel keenly their loss as that of a personal friend, and the universal prayer is offered that the Father of all in His great love and sympathy will comfort and sustain you and yours in this hour of your bereavement.

I am, &amp;c.

Mrs. Seddon.

CHAS. GREY, Deputy-Mayor.